

MINUTES
INTERREGIONAL SYSTEM COMMITTEE

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

February 17, 1998
Sacramento, California

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission's Interregional System Committee was called to order at 1:10 p.m. on February 17, 1998 in the State Capitol Building, Senate Hearing Room 2040 in Sacramento, California.

Members Present: Ed Sylvester, Committee Chairman
 Mary Berglund, Committee Member
 David Fleming

Members Absent: P. Gregory Conlon
 Octavia Diener, Committee Member
 Ed Jordan
 Roger Kozberg
 Dana Reed
 Robert Wolf

REVIEW AND COMMENT ON POTENTIAL INTERREGIONAL PROGRAM PROJECTS
FOR THE 1998 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)

Committee Chairman Edward Sylvester convened the Interregional System Committee meeting and welcomed all those attending. He asked that those persons wishing to speak before the Committee fill out green appearance cards.

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway briefly reviewed the amount of funds available in the Interregional Program for the 1998 STIP. He noted that more than \$3 billion worth of interregional road projects had been considered, projects remaining on the preliminary list exceeded the available interregional improvement funds by 25 percent and nearly one-fifth of the projects would have to be removed. Those projects that would remain on the list would stay because of their comparative status in the overall statewide interregional system. Mr. Hathaway reviewed the purpose of the hearing: 1) to gather new information that the Commission does not know about, 2) to dispel incorrect impressions, and 3) to be made aware of new offers for funding.

Executive Director Robert Remen reviewed the 1998 STIP Hearing process noting that the Northern STIP Hearing would be held in San Francisco on April 1, 1998 and the Southern STIP Hearing would be held in Los Angeles on April 7, 1998.

Wayne Lewis, Caltrans, reviewed the Department's 1998 Preliminary Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP). He commented on the very short time-frame in which to implement the changes to the STIP process, brought about by the passage of SB 45. He emphasized the need to focus attention on reducing the number of projects on the list.

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway then quickly reviewed the various types of projects; in four categories: 1) gateway routes with an emphasis on north-south routes, 2) gap closures, 3) intercity passenger rail, and 4) very large highway projects.

Committee Member Mary Berglund commented on goods movement as an important component in statewide significance of projects. She also expressed her disappointment that the San Diego Route 905 project had been reduced to \$16 million for right-of-way only.

Committee Chairman Edward Sylvester and Committee Members and Commissioners then heard testimony from the following representatives:

Senator Jack O'Connell
Assemblyman Fred Aguiar
Hideo Sugita, Riverside County Transportation Commission
Assemblywoman Denise Moreno Ducheny
Mayor Jack Dale, City of Santee
Richard Ledford, Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce
Alan Foster, Sanyo Corp.
Supervisor Greg Cox, County of San Diego
Councilman Vince Andrade, City of San Marcos
Richard Stanger, Southern California Regional Rail Authority
David Cobb, City of Vernon
David Yale, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Jerry Bennett, Orange County Transportation Corridor Agencies
Paul Glaab, Orange County Transportation Corridor Agencies
Dean Delgado, Orange County Transportation Authority
Ron Brummett, Kern Council of Governments
Jack LaRochelle, City of Bakersfield
David Price, County of Kern
Steve Devencenzi, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
Therese McMillan, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Mayor Don Erickson, City of Dixon/Solano Transportation Authority
Richard Pearson, City of Martinez
David Kutriosky, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
Suzanne Wilford, Sonoma County Transportation Authority
Allan Tilton, City of Petaluma
Bill Smith, Virtual Agile Manufacturing
Brent Hastey, Sacramento Area Council of Governments
Dana Jorgensen, Representing Assemblyman Rico Oller and Senator Tim Leslie
Tom Cosgrove, City of Lincoln/Placer County Transportation Planning Agency
Bart Meays, San Joaquin Council of Governments
Supervisor Deidre Kelsey, County of Merced/Merced County Association of Governments
Supervisor Terri Bailey, County of Calaveras/also representing Amador and Alpine Counties

Committee Chairman Edward Sylvester thanked all who attended and those providing testimony. There being no further business, the Committee meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Robert I. Remen, Executive Director